

# the SIGHT CENTER

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## New Mascot Is Dubbed "Dr. Do-Lion"

The Sight Center mascot has a name. Dr. Do-Lion, the winning name suggested by Shannon Gray, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gray, Riverview, Mich., made his debut in a joint Sight Center/Toledo Zoo vision screening Aug. 19 at the Zoo.

The 176 persons who underwent visual acuity or glaucoma testing were invited to color "name the lion" posters distributed during the screening.

Shannon's nomination won out over 55 other entries. Other names suggested included:

Leo (seven times), Lambert (twice), Leoness (twice), Blinky, Goggles, Hash Brown, Walleye, Brutice, Weirdeyes, Big Bones, Eyes-N-Howe, Buckeye, Specks, Alexander, Jim-Bow, Lyle, Lolly, Luke, Lins and Lytopia, Sighter, Starto, Furry Head, Seemore, Pookey, George, Tiger (sic), J.D., Clarence, Daisy Eyes, Fuzzy, Cleo and Spudly.

The Gray family was awarded a free one-year Zoo membership for Shannon's

### Debut



**Dr. Do-Lion greets a curious youngster at the Toledo Zoo in his initial public appearance.**

winning suggestion. Shannon received a stuffed lion.

Stuffed lions were also awarded to winners in the coloring portion of the contest.

They went to Mindy Noel, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Noel, Burger Street, Toledo, in the under-six age group, and Michelle Caywood, 12, daughter of C.J. Caywood, Loch Lomond Avenue, Toledo, in the senior group.

The mascot suit was donated by the Toledo (Host) Lions Club. Volunteers who took turns wearing it found it warm in the bright sunlight as they strolled about the Zoo greeting visitors.

## Sheltered Workshop Leased to Zepf Center

The Sight Center's sheltered workshop, which has employed nearly 2,000 visually-handicapped workers in more than a half-century of operations, will close this year.

Concurrently, an expanded workshop employing visually-handicapped and/or mentally-handicapped workers will begin operation in the former workshop site under contract with the Zepf Community Mental Health Center.

Mounting losses the past several years has made closing of the Center's independent workshop inevitable. It last showed a small profit in 1976.

Losses since then have reached more than \$250,000.

The staggering dollar drain was adversely affecting all aspects of the Center's operations, siphoning off funds earmarked for rehabilitation programs, capital improvements and other needs.

At its peak, the shop employed 80 or more sight-handicapped workers, but the daily average had fallen into the teens by mid-September.

Most, if not all, of the shop's employees will be blended into the ZCMHC labor force, Barry McEwen, executive director, said.

Details of the contract were still being ironed out at press time, but the initial lease will run for three years.

"We're all disappointed that the Sight Center can no longer have a workshop of its own for those with sight handicaps, and yet this is a positive step for the entire community," he said.

Blind workers will continue to be employed in the same building, but the dollar drain on the agency will have halted; at the same time, the agency will receive new income from the leasing of the workshop, plus office and parking spaces, to the mental health center operation.

Funding of the new workshop was made possible through grants to the Zepf Center of \$354,044 from the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission and \$126,383 from the Ohio Department of Mental Health.

The Sight Center's existing business contracts are being honored during the change-over.

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## "I Got Mad . . ." Varied Interests Absorb Evelyn Bailey's Time

This is a story about canned pickles, computer programming, wallpaper, music, pain, telephones, anger and fond memories.

It's about other things, too, including people much like yourselves.

About the music: people in their 40's, 50's and 60's remember the heyday of the Big Bands, from about 1935 to 1950 or so, very well.

A lot of great music was written and played in those years. Plenty of junk, too.

But anytime names that include Woody Herman, Artie Shaw, Glenn Miller, the Dorsey brothers, Count Basie, Harry James and others pop up, favorite pieces of music echo silently in the minds of those who were bobby-soxers four decades ago.

Evelyn Bailey, of Carleton, Mich., is too young to remember one of Artie Shaw's hit instrumental pieces, "Dancing in the Dark". But she knows what music in the

dark is like.

That's how she plays it . . . when she can find time.

Mrs. Bailey developed retinitis pigmentosa eight years ago. Because the disease's progress was relatively slow, she was adapting successfully to diminishing sight until last November, when she was stricken with acute glaucoma.

"I'd had a cold, and thought at first it had settled in my eyes, but the pain became unbearable," she recalled.

She was admitted to Mercy Memorial Hospital, Monroe, where examination revealed that her eyes had hemorrhaged. For four days, she received continuous intravenous medication, and eye drops every 20 minutes, to reduce the fluid pressure.

"In the space of eight days, I became completely blind," she said matter-of-factly.

There was nothing casual about it at

the time; understandably, she was discouraged and depressed.

"I wanted to chuck it all," she said. "But then I got mad, and decided to make a fight of it."

Her ophthalmologist, Dr. Hanif Peracha, of Monroe, referred her to the Sight Center, where a rehabilitation program was drawn up that included counselling, orientation and mobility training, and rehabilitation teaching.

"I've learned," she remarked, "that I can do anything I could do when I had sight, except drive a car."

One Sunday afternoon last summer, she and daughter Tammy, 12, a 7th-grader at Wager Junior High School in Carleton, papered the kitchen of their ranch home.

She also canned pickles, green beans, corn and several kinds of preserves last

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**In the quiet hours when home alone, Evelyn Bailey practices on the autoharp.**





## The Sign Post

Former Sight Center client **Bob Tilton**, of Ottawa Hills, founder of Bob Tilton & Associates, Inc., a movie management and consulting firm, was appointed to the board of directors of the National Association, Theater Owners of Ohio, in April.

**Jo Payne**, Temperance, Mich., also a former client, completed studies in medical transcription last May at Monroe County Community College, where she registered 4.0 grade averages in Machine Transcription and Medical Specialties.

Former client **Betty Jane Kasubski**, of Toledo, has made the honor roll for the fifth time in correspondence studies through the Hadley School for the Blind, Winnetka, Ill.

Ms. Kasubski, a medical transcriptionist, registered a perfect 4.0 grade average in Effective Speaking. Earlier, she had rung up 4.0 grades in courses in Home Management, Effective Listening, First Aid Without Fear, and Health and Hygiene.

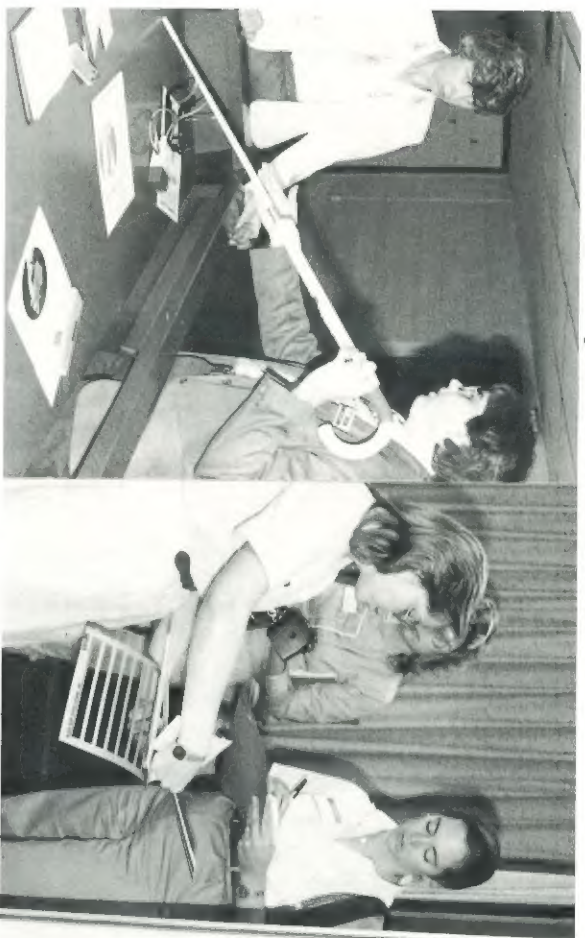
The annual Toledo (Host) Lions Club Christmas party for the blind will be held Thursday, Dec. 13, at Gladioux I and II, Laskey Road west of Douglas Road, Toledo.

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### Open House Guests



**Linde Clemens**, above left, director of development for Lourdes College, **Sylvania**, had the capabilities of a Laser-beam explained to her by **Mary Reiff**, orientation and mobility instructor.

Above right, rehabilitation intern **Bonnie Pounds** showed **Lori Nims**, right, of the **Lima News**, and **Robin Russell**, of the **Wapakoneta Daily News**, center, how a sight-handicapped person uses a letter-writing guide.

## Board Adds Three Members; Two Veterans Step Down

Changes in the Sight Center's board of trustees since April have brought three new members to the governing body.

Another has been transferred from temporary to permanent membership, and two veteran members have resigned.

New appointees are:

Dr. Daniel F. Marcus, head of the Retina Unit at St. Vincent Medical Center, Toledo, and immediate past president, Northwest Ohio Ophthalmological Society;

Jack McLaughlin, Toledo, manager, Fisher Wallpaper & Paint Co., and immediate past president, Toledo (Host) Lions Club;

Jane Eley, Sylvania, immediate past president, ZONTA Club of Toledo I.

Stepping down were Franklin Schroeder, retired stockbroker, who has served as the agency's treasurer continuously since his appointment to the board in 1955, and Dr. Robert Kiess, ophthalmologist, who had served since 1961.

Bruce H. Rumpf, president, the Rumpf Corp., who completed a one-year term as the first-ever immediate past president of the Toledo (Host) Lions Club to serve on the board, was elected a permanent member.

Gerald V. Hazel, vice president/trust officer, Ohio Citizens Bank, was elected treasurer to succeed Mr. Schroeder.

The board adopted resolutions of gratitude recognizing the services of Dr. Kiess and Mr. Schroeder.



Dr. Daniel Marcus



Jane Eley



Jack McLaughlin

### McEwen Elected to Two AERB Posts

Executive director Barry A. McEwen was elected chairman of the administrative section of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Handicapped at that organization's first international conference in July in Nashville, Tenn.

He was also elected secretary of the AERB's 12-state North Central Region.

The AERB, with 160 agencies and more than 4,900 individual members world-wide, was created by merging the former American Association of Workers

for the Blind and the Association for the Education of the Visually Handicapped.

### Big-Print Calendars for 1985 Available

Large-print wall calendars for 1985 featuring oversize numerals and plenty of white space in each daily box are available through the Sight Center for \$3 apiece. The calendars measure 20 1/4 inches by 24 1/2 inches.

## Press, TV, Radio Reps Tour Center

Eight persons representing mass communications media toured the Sight Center Aug. 16 in the agency's first open house for representatives of the press, radio and television corps.

They explored the training apartment, sheltered workshop, Talking Book area, aids and appliances store, professional staff and administrative areas to learn first-hand how the Sight Center serves its clients.

Two of those clients, Don Molter and Lois Henning, discussed their personal experiences with blindness, describing how they made use of the programs, services and aids and appliances available to them through the Center.

The visitors included Sharon Newsom and Marjorie Morningstar, of WTOL-TV, Channel 11, Toledo; Robin Wheatley, WKLR-FM, Toledo; Robin Russell, Wapakoneta Daily News; Lori Nims, Lima News; and Linde Clemens, director of development, Sisters Mary Ann Barczak and Mary Thill, all of Lourdes College, Sylvania.

### Sight Center People Sell Candy for Lions Christmas Party

Ten Sight Center employees hit the streets Friday, Aug. 31, selling candy to help raise funds for the Toledo (Host) Lions Club's annual Christmas party for the blind.

Collectively, they brought in \$226.82 from posts around downtown Toledo.

But top money-raising honors went to Amy Heinicki, staff secretary for the Lions Club, whose office is in the Sight Center. Mrs. Heinicki took in \$98.17 from donors who gave anywhere from a nickel to \$5, swelling the total raised by those working in the Center to \$324.99.

Leading the list for regular staff members was client advocate Jacob Poer, who collected \$75.90. Other participants were: Madge Levinson, volunteer coordinator, \$59.61.

John Wagener, sales/product development head, \$29.46.

David Jones, building superintendent, \$21.44.

John Rothen, marketing director, \$19.96.

Loretta Turner, aids and appliances, \$5.78.

Patty Bennett, prevention of blindness coordinator, \$5.41.

Mary Reiff, orientation/mobility specialist, \$4.51.

Renee Wysocky, orientation/mobility intern, \$2.56.

Gail Sheffield, rehabilitation teacher, \$2.19.

Similar sales were held the same day by the Maumee, Perrysburg, East Toledo, West Toledo, and Toledo Central Lions Club.



A Personal Point of View

From time to time, the Sight Center receives letters from its former clients or their families commenting on the services those clients received here, and the impact that it has had on their lives. These unsolicited testimonials remind us what it's like to be blind, and how much the regaining of independence through rehabilitation means in a human life. The following letter, re-printed with the permission of the writer, says it very well.

August 10, 1984  
Mrs. Freda A. Henry  
335 Alondra Ln.  
Toldeo, Ohio 43612

Mr. Booy McEwen  
Executive Director  
1819 Canton  
Toldeo, Ohio 43624

Dear Mr. McEwen,  
I am a client of the Sight Center. Recently completed my training. At this time, I want to express my appreciation to everyone who has helped.

Paul Maggill has helped in so many ways to make life easier.

In my spare time confidence in my ability training. With the help, however, this has helped me to adjust. Using the taste system and knowing I can be independent.

I can enjoy doing my hard job and doing everything, instead of feeling down.

Virly introduced me in activities of the Sight Center. Especially planning the Phone Friend Meet together.

Many thanks!

John Maggill is caring and helpful.

Enjoying the Fellowship with many friends it is time to know is wonderful! Knowing I can speak and share my sight problem to other who understand. Giving some- one else who is having a bad day, gives you lift.

- Enclosing, Freda A. Henry  
All in the best love.  
Sincerely,  
Freda Henry

Family Night Dinners Now  
Central Lioness Club Project

The Toledo Central Lioness Club has made preparing and serving dinner to Family Night diners an ongoing club project.

Ten club members served the first dinner in September to a turnout of nearly 50 diners. The menu featured "Spanish Delight," a prize-winning



Lionesses Rosa Lee Woods, Desola Wright, Thelma Richardson and Jenny Phillips, from left, got the trays moving.



The dessert cart featured home-baked peach cobbler, sweet potato pie, and cheese-cake. Nancy Brock, right, and Orville Fischer, were ready when Lioness Ruby Scott brought the cart to their table.

Workshop (from P. 1)

"The people we've done business with over the years will be offered the opportunity to continue having that work performed here," Mr. McEwen said.

The gravity of the shop's worsening condition became evident in June when shop supervisor Richard Henry, the Center's senior employee in length of service, was involuntarily retired as a cost-saving step.

Edward Porche, industrial bookkeeper and time-study analyst, assumed Mr. Henry's former duties while retaining his own until the change-over with ZCMHC could be completed.

Mr. Henry came to the Center in the mid-1940's as a chair-canner. He resigned in 1947 to enter private industry, returning here in 1955.

In the years since, he held every position possible in the workshop's operation.

His wife, Florence, a workshop employee since 1970, retired simultaneously with Mr. Henry.

Staff Changes

John Wagener, sales/product development specialist since May, 1983, who had won several new contracts for the beleaguered shop as the agency tried all avenues to keep it functioning, resigned in September to take employment as senior buyer with Sheller-Globe Industries in Kosciusko, Miss.

He, Mr. Henry and Mr. Porche were instrumental in working out the shop's

casserole by Lioness Thelma Richardson, plus tossed green salad, rolls and butter, dessert and drinks.

Men of the Toledo Central Lions Club have agreed to take on the preparing of occasional future Family Night meals to give the Lionesses a breather, Odis Scott, president, said.

first cooperative contract with other local United Way agencies when, earlier this year, the Sight Center joined forces with the Epilepsy Center and Goodwill Industries of Toledo to perform a packaging contract for Owens-Illinois, Inc.

The experience and insight gained in that eight-week cooperative contract was vital to the shop's lease to the Zepf Community Mental Health Center.

Other staff changes include employment of Margaret Garza as receptionist, replacing Virginia Lewandowski, who resigned in July, and Arline Duszynski as secretary to direct service personnel, replacing Patricia Nevers, who resigned to accept other employment.

Three part-time orientation and mobility instructors were employed in October to provide instruction in areas far from the Sight Center, where travel expenses and time loss involved in sending a full-time, Center-based instructor would be prohibitive.

Sue Perkins, O&M teacher for the Toledo School District and a former full-time agency employee, will work in the Anthony Wayne School District in western Lucas County.

Renee Wysocky, who completed an 11-week internship at the Sight Center in August, will work with adults and children in Erie and Huron counties.

Jeanette Felter will provide similar service to school districts in the Lima-Spencerville-St. Mary's-Fort Shawnee area.

Bessie Hillard, a Sight Center employee in 1981 and 1983, was employed in September as part-time development secretary.



## One Man's Contribution

# In the Face of Adversity, He Said, "I Will." — and He Did

It's a long way from Pemberville, Ohio, to Bougainville, in the South Pacific Ocean.

The trip back can be even longer.

Consider the career of Robert Oberhouse, who has served on the Slight Center's board of trustees since 1978:

When he retired in July after 24 years with Ohio's Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired, he concluded a personal Odyssey that got its start on Bougainville, largest of the Solomon Islands.

"Retired" doesn't mean the same thing, however, as "idle" — not to this man, who has been working an 18-hour day for as long as he can remember, and who shows no sign of slowing down.

"I'd like to have stayed with BSVI longer," he said recently, "but damage in my left vocal cord from diabetic neuropathy has made my voice hoarse.

"I'm unable to put inflection in my speech now. Some of my clients were having trouble understanding me, especially on the telephone."

Bob Oberhouse is 60 years old, but still stands a trim six feet, two inches and weighs in at 210 pounds, thanks to a strict exercise regimen he has followed all his life . . . and a powerful will.

He grew up in Pemberville and was graduated from Pemberville High School in 1942, where he played center on the varsity basketball squad. He quickly found a job with the former New York Central System, now part of Amtrak.

The United States, of course, was at war with the Axis Powers — Germany, Italy, Japan. Drafted into the U.S. Army, he was shipped to the Pacific Theater in November, 1943, joining Ohio's 37th Infantry Division as a replacement assigned to the 148th Infantry Regiment.

There, two days before Christmas, Pfc. Robert Oberhouse, US 3551139, became a battle statistic when a projectile from a

Japanese knee mortar exploded in the coral before him.

One of the metal fragments pierced his head, blinding him immediately, totally, and permanently.

For this 19-year-old soldier, the shooting war was over.

"I'd never given serious thought to blindness before then," he said.

"I've given it plenty of thought since, though."

There were other complications from the explosion, including severe lacerations in his upper right arm.

"The last thing I remember hearing in the field hospital before the anesthetic put me under was a doctor saying, 'That arm has to come off.'"

But though muscles, nerves, ligaments and blood vessels were mangled, the surgeons found the bone intact. They were able to repair the arm, leaving him with a chronic weakness in it and a broad scar from elbow to shoulder as further reminders of his encounter with the Japanese.

His life has taken many courses in the years since then.

The muscles in that arm are large, now, and firm — a direct result of the deliberate exercise he has given the limb.

When he came back from the South Pacific, he underwent rehabilitation training at several military hospitals and veterans' installations before receiving his Army discharge in March, 1945.

He immediately began touring the country, talking to veterans' groups, selling U.S. Defense bonds to help finance the war, and filling his spare hours with leatherwork.

Heeding the advice of a Veterans Administration counselor, he enrolled as a freshman student on the GI Bill of Rights at Bowling Green State University in September, 1945 — that university's first blind student.

Three years later, he and his fiancée, Luella Davidson, of Pemberville, found time out from his studies to be married.

He was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in June, 1950, with a major in sociology, having maintained a steady 3.0 grade average throughout.

Like many graduates before himself, however, and many more since, he was quickly reminded of the differences between campus life and the workaday world.

"I couldn't get a job anywhere," he remarked. "No rehab agency — and I applied at almost every one in the entire 48 states — would hire me.

"They all said I needed experience. How was I to acquire experience without a job?

"I even offered to work for six months without pay at several places to gain the necessary experience, but it didn't help."

## In 1943



*Denied the use of his own sight, Robert Oberhouse has forged a career dedicated to helping others, particularly those with sight handicaps.*

*His lifelong priorities, in his own words, have been "service to my family, service to the blind, service to my church."*

*Recently retired from state civil service, Robert Oberhouse has been many people: athlete, warrior, scholar, counselor, Lion, home gardener, historian, veterans' advocate, Slight Center board member, outdoorsman, husband, father, grandfather, and friend to the blind.*

So, though highly motivated and possessing superior qualifications to work with blind clients, he was forced to postpone that part of his career, taking a job assembling carburetors at the former Rossford Ordnance Depot instead.

Long before that sprawling arsenal was phased out of operation by the federal government, he was ready, having kept up a steady stream of job applications; in 1960, he was engaged as a rehabilitation teacher for the Ohio Bureau of Services for the Blind.

Asked how many visually-handicapped clients he had taught or counseled over the years, he replied,

"I don't know. But there was a time when I was handling 27 counties."

Toward the end of his tenure with BSVI, his district included four counties in northwest Ohio, and an average caseload of 70 persons.

In 1961, after being a smoker 20 years, he decided to stop, and did, "Cold turkey," he said. "It's the only way."

He and Mrs. Oberhouse have three children: sons Steven, 34, and Edwin, 31, and a daughter, Laurie, 28, all of whom are married. There are also three grandchildren who come regularly to visit the Oberhouse home, a comfortable 12-room dwelling sitting on five acres that back up to the Portage River.

Much of the acreage is covered with hardwoods, mainly oak, ash and nut trees that he and his family planted, and which he and his sons harvest periodically to fuel the great fireplace in the living room. Steven and Edward drop the trees, he explained; he splits many of the logs by

## Keeping the Arm Strong



hand, using a six-pound sledge with an 18-inch handle.

Membership in Lions International has played one of the larger roles in his life. He was a charter member of the Bowling Green Lions Club when it was formed in 1954, and served as District Governor (13-A) for Ohio Lions in 1975-76.

But in a lifetime filled with achievements on behalf of those with sight problems, none stands out more prominently than the founding of the Northwest Ohio Lions Eye-Ear Bank, now located at Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, in 1972.

He was the prime mover behind its creation, and remains a driving force in its operations.

"Originally, there were five clubs — Bowling Green, East Toledo, West Toledo, Maumee, and Perysburg — that supported the Eye Bank," he said.

Today, 60 Lions Clubs and five Lioness Clubs in northwest Ohio support its operation, which was expanded in 1981 to include transplanting of ear parts.

He noted with satisfaction the steady growth of the Eye Bank's successful transplant rate from 20-25 per cent its first year to its current 95 per cent.

In fiscal 1984, eighty-six corneal transplants were made from that Bank.

He is a past commander of Pemberville's Freedom Post 183, American Legion, and is active in the Pemberville Historical Society, where the current project is the restoration of a 19-Century home and school house in the village.

In 1984, he was awarded the J. Kenneth Cozier Award by the Ohio Association of Workers for the Blind in recognition of his years of work with the blind.

He is chairman of the board of Pemberville United Methodist Church, and was recently appointed to a nine-year term on the Governor's Committee on the Era of the Handicapped, in which capacity he represents all handicapped persons living in Wood County.

But what about retirement, Bob? When do you take a break?

"Retirement has given me more time to do more with the Eye Bank, Lions Clubs, eye research, my church, and other activities where I can be of use.

"Lu and I enjoy travel," he said, "but I'm too busy just now for anything other than an occasional short fishing or camping trip.

"She has a typewriter, and I have a copy machine available to me. If I want to send out a letter and we need 300 copies, we can get it on its way in a couple of hours."





## Potluck Dinner Draws Strong Turnout of Telephone Friends



Rita Kash and her Doberman Pinscher, "Strawberry", came in from Bowling Green.

Although they'd gotten to know one another well in the course of many telephone calls during the Phone-A-Friend program's first year of life, the 65 participants who gathered in the Sight Center auditorium for a potluck dinner in June gained new perspectives when they finally met in person.

Measured by even the strictest of standards, it was a rousing success. Repeated cheers went up as each participant stood to announce his or her name.

Membership in the group is approaching 100, according to Nancy Brock, client advocate and Phone-A-Friend coordinator. Plans are under way to extend the program into Lenawee County, Mich., she added. It now has participants in Monroe County, Mich., and Lucas, Wood, Ottawa, Sandusky and Erie Counties, Ohio.



The East Side was well represented. That's Cy Reardon, left, of Oregon, and Mrs. Pat Clay, Plymouth Street, exchanging information about their sight handicaps over dessert. At right background is Mrs. Ereslina Zuljevic, Graham Street, also on Toledo's East Side.

After-dinner music was provided by Edward Condon on accordion and Gladys Bastford on piano, with Odell Walker singing along.



### Serving Line



Gilbert Lutz, Perrysburg, at right, found himself on the opposite side of the serving line from Eugene Bastford, Toledo, foreground, and Marguerite Cutcher, of Port Clinton.



## National Blind Chess Tourney Attracts 5 Regional Entrants

Twenty-four blind chess players from across the United States, including three from Toledo and two from Findlay, gathered in Findlay July 27-29 for the U.S. Blind Chess Championship Tournament. Dr. Theodore Bullockus, a tournament veteran from Northridge, CA, swept five straight matches to take top honors.

Runners-up were Joseph Kennedy, Ft. Wayne, Ind., last year's tournament champion, and Clayton Walker, Lansing, Mich., who tied for second with 4-1 records.

Bryan Belin, of the Sight Center's sheltered workshop, led the Toledo contingent with a 2½-2½ mark, based on two wins, two losses and a tie.

Richard Hollins and Talmadge Reese, Jr., also of the sheltered workshop, finished with 1-4 records each.

Findlay entrants were Glen Sheldon, with a 3-2 mark, and Dick McStraw, who finished with one win, one tie and three losses for a 1½-3½ mark.

The tournament was sponsored by Lions Clubs from Findlay, McComb, Arlington, Van Buren and Mt. Blanchard, the Findlay Lioness Club, and the Findlay Chess Club.



Talmadge Reese, Jr., is a study in concentration as he moves Knight to Knight-4 in his opening match against Henry Olynik, of Brooklyn, N.Y., at the U.S. Blind Chess Championship Tournament. Mr. Olynik won the match.

Play was sanctioned by the U.S. Chess Federation.

## Supplemental Teaching Programs Available

Two teaching programs, one in-home for pre-schoolers and their parents, and the other in regular school classes, are available now to sight-handicapped children in a large northwest Ohio area.

A free, home-based teaching program for children with sight handicaps is available in a seven-county area through the Wood County office of education.

Children from birth through five years, who have a sight handicap of 20/70 or worse in the better eye after correction, and who reside in Wood, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Williams, Putnam or Hancock Counties are eligible, according to Judy Cernkovich, teacher consultant for the pre-school visually impaired in Wood County.

The state-funded program is designed to provide their parents with special training in working with these sight-

handicapped children, she said. The second program utilizes the services of Daniel Zink, who functions principally as a resource person to regular education personnel for his employer, the Fulton County board of education.

His services may be obtained only by local school districts in Henry, Wood, Defiance, Hancock, Van Wert and Williams Counties who contract for them with the Fulton County board of education, Dort Groh, Fulton County special education supervisor, explained.

An example of his service would be obtaining closed-circuit television sets for school-age children who need them to study, and providing demonstrations in the use of those sets.

Sight Center personnel served in a liaison role earlier this year, arranging to make Mr. Zink's services available to the Findlay Board of Education.



## Telling Time by Touch



*With coaching from rehabilitation intern Bonnie Pounds, Evelyn Bailey quickly mastered the use of a braille wristwatch and other adaptive living skills.*

## Varied Interests (from P. 1)

summer, mostly with vegetables from the Bailey garden, which she planted and tended. All of the jars bear raised-letter identification labels she made on her own.

She fills what spare time she has with Talking Books — "They're terrific!" — and with several calls weekly to other blind Monroe County residents who participate in the Sight Center's Phone-A-Friend Program.

Now that her husband, Claude, a former driver for Branch Motor Express, has retired, they are busy with plans to reorganize their musical group, the Bailey Gospellers, playing at churches throughout Michigan. They also hope to resume their radio program of gospel music, formerly heard over WMUZ-FM, Detroit. She will play autoharp, with Mr. Bailey playing guitar.

On Mondays, she takes part in crafts training at the Center, and on Wednesdays studies braille and typing with rehabilitation teachers Ron and Maureen Pompei. In-home instruction is also provided by rehab teacher Gail Sheffield.

An immediate goal is to crochet two

bedspreads, Mrs. Bailey said — one for her mother, and one for her mother-in-law.

She also has enrolled in a computer programming course at Monroe Community College.

"It will take me a year, maybe longer," she said. "When I discussed it with Claude, he said, 'Darling, I'm behind you all the way.'"

"He's been great all along. So has Tammy. I know they're there if I need them."

"But I'm determined to be independent, to be useful, to live my life as closely as possible to how I lived when I could see."

## Toledo Youth Places First in Four Jamboree Events

Seventeen-year-old Scott Parker of Toledo placed first in the four events he entered — the maximum allowed — at the International Sports Jamboree for Handicapped youngsters, Parkersburg, W.Va., in July.

Scott, a senior student at Woodward High School, is blind from retinitis pigmentosa.

He swept the honors in the 40-yard dash and the pilot race, and was a member of the winning 160-yard relay team and the softball team, knocking in the winning run in the latter contest.

This year marked his second and final appearance in the jamboree, sponsored annually since 1979 by the West Virginia Chapter, Telephone Pioneers of America.

Altogether, 42 participants aged 12 through 20 from around the United States, including eight others from Ohio, took part.

Twenty were blind and 22 were wheelchair contestants, according to Mrs. Frank Siska, who represented the Toledo Council, Telephone Pioneers of America. She and Mr. Siska accompanied Scott.

## Distinguished Service Award Highlights Volunteer Luncheon

A staunch friend and generous supporter of the blind community for nearly 40 years, Toledo businessman John Goerlich was honored as the first recipient of a Distinguished Service Award named for him at the Sight Center's volunteer awards luncheon in April.

Mr. Goerlich was one of about 70 volunteers and staff members present for the luncheon.

Honored as top volunteers for 1983, when they contributed more than 300 hours of service apiece, were Terri Riches, John Hirsch, and Phyllis Nichols.

In all, 340 volunteers contributed more than 10,500 hours of their time and skills to the Center in 1983.

A molded glasswork by artist Dominic Labino, created specifically for interpretation by touch for those who cannot see it, will serve as the symbol of the Distinguished Service Award.

The artwork, and a plaque bearing the names of the award's recipients, will be kept on permanent display at the Center.

Mr. Goerlich, 85, was recognized for service that began when he joined the Toledo (Host) Lions Club in 1936, where he took an immediate interest in the support that club lent to the work of the Toledo Society for the Blind.

He served as president of the Center's board of trustees from 1957 to 1977, when he was named chairman of the board.

The distinguished service award is to be bestowed at the discretion of the board of trustees to the person most deserving for his or her service to the blind.

### First Recipient



*The glass artwork that serves as a palpable symbol of service to the blind is held aloft by John Goerlich, first recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.*

### Most Hours



*Terri Riches, 1983's top volunteer with 370 hours, brought her son, William Aaron Riches, to the volunteer luncheon and found the fired clay pot she received as a special award for her service an ideal crib for him. He, of course, has outgrown the pot by now. Similar pots were awarded to John Hirsch and Phyllis Nichols. All were crafted by blind artisan Ann Furnas.*

### Rest Stop

Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bogdanski, Terrace Drive, Toledo.



*Scott Parker, a frequent visitor to the Sight Center, took time out between events at the Sports Jamboree to sample welcome liquid refreshments provided by a pair of unidentified Telephone Pioneers.*

## King James Version of Bible Available on Talking Books

A stereophonic recording of the complete King James version of the Bible — Old and New Testaments — is now available through the Sight Center to persons participating in the Talking Book program.

The Reader's Digest Fund for the Blind donated 3,400 of the recorded bibles earlier this year to the American Foundation for the Blind. The Bibles are dramatized by 147 actors and actresses with sound effects and music.

Each stereo recording of the Bible consists of 84 records or 80 cassette tapes. Only the cassette tapes are available through the Center at this time.



## Free Clinic Offered To Blind Bowlers

Free lessons for sight-handicapped bowlers are available through Ron Pompei, Sight Center rehabilitation teacher.

The first clinic was held at University Lanes, Toledo, in mid-June.

Former sighted bowlers who have not bowled since losing their sight but would like to resume, blind bowlers who have gotten rusty since last competing, or blind people who have never bowled but would like to begin are welcome as students, Mr. Pompei said.



Maureen (Mrs. Ron) Pompei, who is also a part-time Sight Center rehabilitation teacher and who is legally blind, observed the action through a hand-held monocular.

Legally blind himself, Mr. Pompei carries a 187 average and is certified as an instructor by the American Junior Bowling Congress.

More than dozen prospective students have indicated an interest in future bowling clinics, he said.

"The difficulty is in getting everyone's schedule coordinated," he said.

University Lanes offers reduced rates for bowling and on shoe rentals to the sight-handicapped bowlers during the clinics.



Her mouth set with determination, Geneva Stevens, who had never before bowled, showed a smooth swing as she laid the ball inside the foul line at University Lanes under close observation from instructor Ron Pompei.



Workshop supervisor Ed Porche, above right, kept score between taking his turn on the lanes.

Mr. Porche, a member of the Ohio State University track team in his college days, displayed good form releasing the ball — although it had an annoying tendency to "back up" onto the Brooklyn side.



## Clothes Hanger Art



Ruth Fischer, of Ottawa Lake, Mich., found time in her camp stay to take part in crafts.



Life jackets and suntan cream were standard equipment for boaters on Hemlock Lake. Nancy Jefferies, left, of Cincinnati, her face hidden beneath her hat, adjusts straps as her companion, Monica Wagner, also of the Cincinnati area, observes. That's Alecia Peebles, center, of Lyons, O., who served as a sighted volunteer during the four-day camp, and Karen Jackson, right, of Toledo, behind the sunglasses.

The mess hall was a focal point of activity several times each day. Sue Perkins, orientation and mobility instructor for the Toledo School District and part-time Sight Center employee, was a versatile volunteer. Below, she ladled out baked beans at lunch one day.



## Campers Find Hemlock Lake Weather Ideal

Four days of ideal weather made camping a pleasure for 40 blind campers and support personnel at Hemlock Lake, Mich., June 10-13.

The turnout was the largest in several years, drawing campers from as far away as the Cincinnati area.

Others came from Findlay, Fostoria, Oak Harbor, Lima, and Ottawa Lake, Mich. The campers' ages ranged from 7 to 65.



Troy Barger, foreground, of Maumee, and Holly Sobiecki, of South Toledo, tried their angling skills, fishing for crappies off the dock at Hemlock Lake. In background are Vicki Obee, social worker, and her husband, Doug, who took vacation time to serve as a volunteer worker.



## Memorial Contributions

*A permanent record is made of memorial contributions and other gifts to the Sight Center. Memorials are promptly acknowledged in accordance with the wishes of the contributor. The following is a list of memorials, gifts in honor of others, and bequests received by the Sight Center from April 1, 1984, through Aug. 31, 1984.*

**Husband of Mrs. P.D. Adler,** by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis R. Basch.

**Clara E. Barrett,** by Mr. and Mrs. Al McEwen.

**Mother of Ethel Benner,** by Ethel I. Benner.

**John A. Boonstra,** by Reva Hufford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landen.

**Charlotte Bunker,** by Marjorie Redrup and Dorinda Horan; Mrs. Stuart S. Wall; Mrs. D. Henry Stoltenberg; Irene Hornyak; Elizabeth M. Strater.

**Rachael Crawford,** by Charles Trauger.

**Leah Damschroeder,** by Howard Bauer; Flosie Bauer and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bauer; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bauer; William Bauer; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Groh; Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Wilkinson; Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Rode; Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Baumgartner; Mrs. Rosalind Woner; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sacks; Barbara L. Oliver; Don, Mary, and Darlene McLeod; Irene C. Kutzy; Mrs. Earl Thornton.

**Clifford Dearbaugh,** by Louis C. Witker.

**Howard Drouillard,** by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed.

**Norman J. Fields,** by Alma Fields.

**Mrs. Marieta Fitz,** by John J. Fitz.

**Lucy Flynn,** by Bernice Flynn.

**Mrs. Viola Graham,** by Dorothy M. Mast.

**Clara Grohowski,** by Mr. and Mrs. Al McEwen.

**Mrs. Mac Harrod,** by Juanita Carstensen.

**Meredith Hach,** by Louise A. Martin.

**Elsie Hawthorne,** by Agnes McEwen; Mr. and Mrs. Al McEwen.

**Steve Hayes,** by Becky Curtis.

**Effie Hayward,** by Isabella Houk and Frances Gibson Wallace; Florence Gregory; Elizabeth Werder and Mrs. and Mrs. Mark Hopkins; Vera R. Hutchinson; Irene Koester; Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Hannewald; Sophia Spath; Marian and Florence Masell; Mr. and Mrs. George Weber; Mr. and Mrs. B. Ziegler; Norma Wintemante; Mrs. Otto Reedy; Mrs. Mildred Osborne.

**Carl B. Herr,** by Schlenger-Naumann, Inc.

**Father of Mearl Huffman,** by Grace and Jim Sattler.

**Charles Jackson,** by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed.

**Dr. Alex N. Johns,** by Barry A. McEwen.

**Mother of Ronnie Kasning,** by Mary Camp.

**Marjorie Mary Klaholz,** by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heinburger; F. Butler.

**George Kohler,** by Mrs. I. W. McConnell; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Kohler.

**Herbert Kohn,** by Mrs. Bernice Spencer.

**Richard Kuhn,** by Mr. and Mrs. Willis Kirtbridge.

**Doyle Leister,** by Al and Wanda McEwen; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weithaus.

**Grace Lindecker,** by Barry A. McEwen; Temple Sisterhood Braille Group; Alice N. Levey; Rev. and Mrs. Norman Meas.

**Elizabeth Mahaney,** by Dan and Mary Camp.

**William T. Miller,** by Lavonne, Don, and Don Lee Fensstemaker; Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Vincent; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Corbett; Mr. and Mrs. Willis J. Sander; Mr. and Mrs. Norman D. Orr; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carlson; The Devilbiss Co. (twice); Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Kelley; Mr. and Mrs. William Cauthier; Arnold and Carol Blair.

**Miss Lenore Mills,** by Helen Soutar; Mrs. Leitha K. Smith; Louise A. Martin; Louis B. Reichert.

**Non-Specified,** by Bedford Township Lions Club.

**William N. Oliver,** by Office World.

**William F. Patten,** by William C. Conrad, Jr.; Marion C. Moreland; Dr. Frank Haverfield.

**John Payne,** by Mr. and Mrs. John Rohen.

**Nathan Reuben,** by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weiss; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Weiss.

**Anna Rogers,** by Mrs. Emanuel Bachey.

**Charles L. Rosencrance,** by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed.

**Francis J. Scanlon,** by Dorothy C. Eaton; Robert P. Scanlon.

**Dr. Elmer Schroder,** by Mary Norward.

**C. Milton Sherman,** by June W. Baker.

**Alma Singleton,** by Clarence Singleton Family.

**Anna Slawter,** by Father Murphy.

**Howard Speyer,** by Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Teasel.

**Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Stone,** by Mrs. C. Susan.

**Frank Szymkowski,** by Mr. and Mrs. Al McEwen.

**Ray Tillman,** by Mr. and Mrs. William A. Kent.

**Raymond L. Tillman,** by Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKenna.

**Edward W. Ufer,** by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed.

**Margaret Wernert,** by BVI Area Office.

## Gifts

### In Honor of

**Curt Lemay,** by Father Murphy.

**Sue Franke and David,** by Father Murphy.

**Joann Boggs,** by Father Murphy.

**Geri Homestead and Sons,** by Father Murphy.

**Birthday of Dick Hiestan,** by Mr. and Mrs. David Kellogg.

**Birthday of Mrs. B. Hirsch,** by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Basch.

**Stacy and Sara Patnode,** by Jerry and Shirley Metcalf.

**42nd Wedding Anniversary of John and Carol Luginbuhl,** by Father Murphy.

**Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Norma Thal,** by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Basch.

**Lee Piriczky and Family,** by Father Murphy.

**Steve and Vickie Abraham and Family,** by Father Murphy.

**Pat Sattler,** by Father Murphy.

**Marilyn Williams,** by Father Murphy.

**Marilee Lucas and Boys,** by Father Murphy.

**Mary Alice Tuttle,** by Father Murphy.

**Phil O'Connor,** by Father Murphy.

**John Gyuras and Family,** by Father Murphy.

**Bill and Nancy Braun and Family,** by Father Murphy.

**Helen Carmichael,** by Nathan Hale teachers.

## Bequests

**Ruth Barram Estate.**

**Rosetta Fox Estate.**

**Harold D. Smith Estate.**

**Daisy Hickok Estate.**

**Helen F. Barr Estate**

## Christmas Cards on Sale

Christmas cards featuring traditional, religious and non-denominational motifs are on sale through the Sight Center. Six choices are available, with five of the six retailing for \$10 per box of 25 cards, and the sixth at \$8.

A few selections from earlier years also are available at reduced prices.

Buyers may pick their cards up at the Sight Center during normal business hours, or have them delivered anywhere in the world for \$1.50

Last year's Christmas card sale program netted the agency \$5,000.

## Eye Injuries

Thirteen Ohio workers suffered a total loss of vision in one eye in work-related accidents in 1983, according to the Ohio Industrial Commission's department of safety and hygiene. Overall, Ohio workers experienced 4,792 eye injuries resulting in 47,000 lost work days last year, the department reported.

## New Van



*A short trip around the parking lot was all these members of the Toledo (Host) Lions Club got in the 1984 Chevrolet van they donated to the Sight Center in June before the new vehicle was placed in service. From left are Barry McEwen, executive director; Jack McLaughlin, then-president of the Toledo Club; Percy Rankin, Irlan Lee Tashima, and James Andrus.*

*The nine-passenger vehicle, featuring an auxiliary heater behind the rear seat, air-conditioning, heavy-duty suspension, driver-controlled locks on all doors and a four-speed transmission replaced a 1974 van (also donated by the Toledo Host Lions) that had more than 115,000 miles on the odometer and had rusted badly.*

*Rehabilitation clients have top priority as passengers, but the vehicle is also used for transporting Talking Book machines and other kinds of mail to the Post Office and for multiple other errands.*

## Gift of Appreciated Securities Can Benefit Donor and Donee

A charitable contribution to the Sight Center could provide you with an opportunity to meet year-end tax planning needs while benefiting the blind community.

A method you might want to consider is a carefully-thought out gift of appreciated securities. The key to the wise giving of securities is to donate property that you have held for a long-term capital gain which has appreciated in value since you acquired it, because

(A) The allowable tax deduction will be measured by the securities' fair market value at the time the gift is made — which is greater than the original cost of the securities, and

(B) No matter how much the securities have grown in value, you pay no capital gains tax on the paper profit.

Example: if you were to contribute securities this year to the Sight Center that cost you \$1,000 years ago, and which are now valued at \$4,000, your allowable deduction on that gift would be \$4,000, not \$1,000.

If you are in the 50 per cent tax bracket, your deduction of \$4,000 for a gift of securities for which you only paid \$1,000 would result in a tax savings to you for 1984 of \$2,000.

As a consequence, the gift would have cost you nothing. Rather, you would be ahead by \$1,000 — the difference between your \$1,000 cost and \$2,000 tax savings.

Your attorney and/or accountant can

advise you whether this type of charitable contribution would best suit your financial circumstances.

## Old Glasses Can Be Tax Deduction, IRS Rule Says

Obsolete or unneeded spectacles donated to the Sight Center qualify as an income tax deduction, the Internal Revenue Service has determined.

The Center has been collecting discarded or out-of-use eyeglasses for more than 10 years.

Any valuable metal in the frames is salvaged, with proceeds used to partially finance the agency's summer camp for visually-impaired persons.

All lenses, and all frames made of base metals or plastic, are packaged for shipment and free distribution to the needy in under-developed nations, after the lenses have been catalogued according to prescription numbers.

The Sight Center is unable to assume the responsibility of assigning a value to the donated glasses. Their value, the IRS spokesman said, could depend on their cost (minus the cost of the prescription examination) and their condition when donated.

Packaging and mailing costs, if the glasses are mailed, are also tax-deductible. Receipts will be given to donors who request them.